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## Kind Statement on Denied FEMA Funding for Tornado-Devastated Areas

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement today after receiving news that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has denied the state of Wisconsin's appeal for federal assistance following a string of severe storms and tornadoes that tore through Vernon and Richland Counties in late August:

"I believe today's news that Wisconsin will not receive disaster relief aid has been made in error and at the expense of communities truly in need of federal assistance. The decision is extremely disappointing, especially in light of reports that FEMA has mismanaged relief funds, sending millions intended for disaster victims to areas where there was little to no damage in the wake of severe weather. Despite this news, I remain moved by the unrelenting optimism and resilience of the people of Viola as well as the way people throughout the area came together to roll up their sleeves and help their neighbors in need."